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TO EGYPT

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1. I ENDORSE AMBASSADOR MAESTRONE'S SUGGESTION THAT USG AGREE
TO CONSULT CLOSELY WITH GODE DONOR STATES ON ASSISMNCE TO EGYPT.
I HAVE REGULARLY DISCUSSED
SUBJECT OF ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT WITH
THE AMIR, AND ON APPROPRIATE OCCASIONS ALSO WITH GOQ MINISTER
OF FINANCE. AMIR HAS REPEATEDLY PRESSED FOR INCREASED U.S.
AID TO EGYPT FOR ITS POLITICAL AS WELL AS ECONOMIC IMPACT,
AND AMIR CLEARLY SEES EGYPTIAN STABILITY AS THE KEY ELEMENT TO
CONTINUED AREA STABILITY. IN RESPONSE, I HAVE REPEATEDLY STRESSED
NECESSITY OF RICH ARABS DOING THEIR SHARE FOR EGYPT, AND I
BELIEVE AMIR AT LEAST ALREADY PERCEIVES OUR SEPARATE EFFORTS
AS COMPLEMENTARY.

2. AS REGARDS POSSIBLE CONSULTATION ON SPECIFIC AND TECHNICAL
FINANCIAL AID DETAILS, PROBLEM HERE IS GOQ'S LACK OF EXPERTISE,
AND QATARIS ARE MORE LIKELY TO FOLLOQYLEAD OF MORE EXPERIENCED
SAUDIS AND KUWAITIS, PARTICULARLY SAUDIS, WHEN IT COMES TO NUTS
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AND BOLTS OF IMPLEMENTING AID, AND THOUGH THIS TRYING TO IMPOSE

REFORMS ON EGYPTIAN ECONOMY. THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE SHOULD
NOT BRING OUR VIEWS TO ATTENTION OF GOQ, BUT ONLY THAT WE
SHOULD NOT EXPECT IT TO TAKE ANY INITIATIVES IN THIS AREA,
SIMPLE BECAUSE IT DOESN' KNOW HOC. AT THE SAME TIME, QATARIS
WOULD BE FLATTERED BY OUR ATTENTION TO THEM ON THIS IMPORTANT
SUBJECT, PARTICULARLY SINCE IT ALREADY PERCIVED AT HIGHEST
LEVEL THAT THERE COULD BE BENEFITS IN OUR WORKING TOGETHER.
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